

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 currently are pending in this application. Claim 8 has been allowed. By amendment above, claims 1, 15, 26, and 37 have been amended to delete those embodiments in which substituent Y of the generic formula can be an aryl or arylalkyl group. In addition, claims 28, 32, and 35 have been amended to delete those embodiments in which substituent X of the generic formula can be a C1-6 alkylene group.

In the outstanding Office Action, the examiner has withdrawn rejections under Section 102(b) that were based on the JP 53111093 reference, which Applicant gratefully acknowledges.

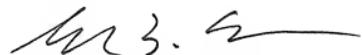
The examiner has made new rejections against each of claims 1, 4, 9, 15, 19, 26, 28-30, 32, 33, 35 and 37 as being anticipated by *Bollettino Chimico Farmaceutico* (1964), 103(3), p. 165-170. The examiner asserted that the reference teaches Applicant's compound RN=99690-18-3 (CAPLUS abstract). As noted above, Applicant has amended each of independent claims 1, 15, 26, and 37 to eliminate from the scope of the claims those compounds in which substituent Y is an aryl or arylalkyl group. By eliminating these substituents, the compounds of general formula I are clearly distinguished from the reference compound. Similarly, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims 28, 32, and 35 to eliminate from the scope of those claims compounds in which substituent X is a C1-6 alkylene group. Elimination of this substituent also clearly distinguishes the compounds of general formula I from the

reference compound. Claims 4, 9, 29, 30 and 33 are dependent from the amended claims and are therefore clearly distinguished from the reference compound by the foregoing amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims as amended are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension together with additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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